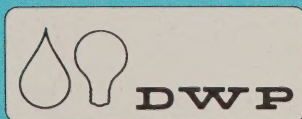


1976 A GOOD YEAR TO STOP WASTING WATER

- 1976 has been one of the driest winters in the history of the State of California. This fact makes 1976 an especially important year for the citizens of Los Angeles to look at ways to conserve their water supply.
- Where does the water come from? Los Angeles normally depends on the melting snow of the eastern Sierra Nevada mountains and on pumping from the groundwater basins in the Owens Valley for 80% of its water. The balance of the city's water supply is provided by local wells and by water from the Colorado River and the California Aqueduct.
- But snowfall in the Sierras this winter has been less than 40% of normal, which means that snow melt run off to the DWP aqueduct system will be far below normal.
- In addition, groundwater pumping in the Owens Valley is restricted by court order to 60% of existing well capacity until completion of an environmental impact report.
- Successful conservation efforts could help offset this unusually dry year, and make more water available at popular fishing areas such as Lake Crowley.
- These factors — below-normal snowfall, below-normal rainfall, and court restrictions on groundwater pumping — make 1976 a good year to conserve one of our most valuable natural resources — *water*.



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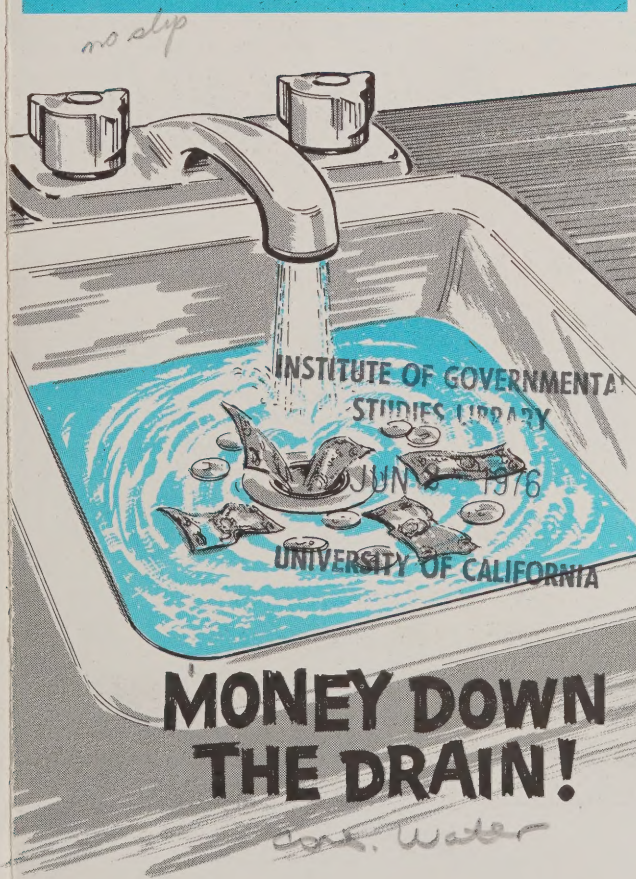



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DWP report





THE AVERAGE FAMILY OF FOUR USES 600 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY

Half inside the house, and half outside.

Is part of your share being wasted?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN KEEP YOUR MONEY FROM GOING DOWN
THE DRAIN. . . AND HELP CONSERVE ONE OF YOUR
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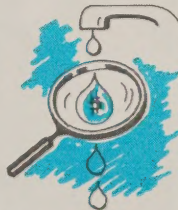
INSIDE...

\$ Check for Leaks.

Leaks are the number one cause of water waste in the home. Just a small leak — one that drips steadily — can waste more than fifty gallons of water a day. Look for leaks at the sink, in the shower, and in the toilet tank. Check leaks in the toilet tank by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank. Wait two or three hours and check the toilet bowl. If the food coloring is present in the bowl, the tank is leaking constantly. You could be wasting 200 gallons of water every day!

\$ Wash Full Loads.

Use your appliances to their fullest capacity. A washing machine uses 30 to 50 gallons of water per load, and a dishwasher 20 to 30 gallons. Fill them up.



\$ Don't Use the Toilet as a Wastebasket.

Throw facial tissues, cigarette stubs, and miscellaneous small trash into a wastebasket. Don't flush it down the toilet. Every extra flush uses 5 to 7 gallons of water.



OUTSIDE...

\$ Water Your Lawn Deeply and Infrequently.

Most lawns are watered more often than necessary, and the extra water runs into the gutter and is wasted. When you do water your lawn, water deeply, for an hour or two.

\$ Use Your Broom Instead of the Hose.

Sweep driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of hosing them off. Hundreds of gallons of water go down the gutter when you hose off your driveway.

\$ Don't Leave a Running Hose on the Ground.

Wash your car with a bucket of water and a sponge. Use the hose only when rinsing.

\$ Use Water-saving Gardening Techniques.

Spike holes in sloping lawns, and dig basins around trees to prevent wasteful run-off of water.